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31 January 1947

SUBJECT: Office Log, Salzburg

TO: []

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1. Re memorandum 466, 27 January 1947, Arthur Pier complained recently that he felt this organization cooled off toward him. He was eager to learn the reasons. [] at that time told him that the organization is not engaged any longer in intelligence in the field and that as he well knows all those who were in contact with him returned to the U.S. However, if he so desired, he would try to find out whether there were any other reasons for the interruption of his contact.

2. Today a meeting was arranged through Fatso at which [] told Pier that he had learned that this project did not produce anything of value, and that Pier withheld information of value to this organization, as it is quite impossible to channel the great number of Jews to Austria without some Russian cooperation along the line. Pier was also told that documents on refugees were taken away by members of the Jewish Agency before they entered Austria, but none of these documents were ever passed on to us. In general, the impression is that Pier tool our representatives for his own purposes but offered very little in turn; this, in spite of the fact that the U.S. is helping his people in more than one way and wouldn't it be fair if he, the best placed man in the Jewish Agency would do something for the U.S. in return? Pier was obviously impressed and taken aback. He defended himself, stating that he had put our organization in contact with everyone whom he thought may be of interest and if nothing came of it, it was not his fault. However, he was under the impression that [] was very well satisfied with the work done. [] then informed Pier that gathering of intelligence was now being done by the CIC and he asked Pier if he was still interested in working for the U.S. without making demands on the agency he would be contacted with. Pier stated that he was quite willing to cooperate but he was not in a position to engage in straight intelligence.

3. [] subsequently asked Pier whether in the process of screening done currently by the Jewish Agency, his men could be trained to select the best sources of information; and those who are intelligent and are not stating the truth for some reason or other. A roster should be prepared of these subjects and channelled direct to Salzburg for a thorough interrogation by the CIC. Pier stated that he is ready to do the job and that he will need no assistance. Subsequently, he was taken to CIC headquarters and introduced to Mr. Greene. Mr. Weber and Mr. Greene agreed, preliminary to his introduction, to turn over to this organization all those who are of interest to us.

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Hq USFA Isum Nol 84, 11 Jan 1947.

The Hotel Goldenes Kreuz (home of the Jewish Community in Bad Ischl, Bezirk Gmunden, is widely recognized as the center of illegal activity, including the issuance of false identity documents, fake visas to all countries, the harboring of illegal entrants into the US Zone of Austria and especially a well-organized blackmarket ring. CIC and CID attempts to gather concrete evidence are frustrated by the mutual protection given by all camp members.

It has been reported that the Intergovernmental, a committee representing 1,000 Hungarians in Tyrol, has issued visas to Paraguay,etc..... The signature of E. Wender, alleged International Red Cross delegate, appeared on the passes, dated 30 October and issued in Innsbruck, together with the alleged stamped visa and signature of the Paraguayan consul, dated in Rome on 3 November.

Desk comment: Possibly our Erich WENDER?

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Card of A. PIER, given for the files by DD/113
on his return to headquarters

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MEMORANDUM:

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1. PIR-317 dated 21 Nov.46 subject: Transmission of Nbr.5 SCI Reports, especially calls attention to report No.0622 from Vienna and Salzburg. This report concerns Russian sponsored-Jewish emigration into Palestine. It especially concerns one ZWIE, a member of the Salzburg committee who arranges the clandestine smuggling of people into Italy. The source of the information in this document was advised by a lawyer Dr. Gelber of Imbergerstrasse 26 and Mestenstrasse 7, Salzburg to "get in touch with Herr ZWIE." The secretary of the lawyer said that ZWIE is on excellent terms with the American authorities and enjoys their protection. ZWIE is said to be an alias, by the secretary.

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Synopsis

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MAS-023-305

5 March 1947

SUBJECT; ☐ ☐ Log

EXTRACT

26 February 1947

Informed by trusted Fatso of a recent aspect of
Arthur Pier's activities in Salzburg (see separate memo to follow).
Reported case to CIC where Fatso's report was confirmed.

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MAS-003-306

6 March 1947

SUBJECT: Arthur Pier, Former Chief SYMPHONY Agent

TO: Chief of Mission
Chief, SC

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1. On 26 February 1947 I was informed by trusted Fatso that a Soviet Lt. Colonel by the name of Alexander Lapsin, alias Schnaja Lichtmann, and Alexander Rutenburg, had come through Jewish refugee channels to Saalfelden along with his wife, and had been picked up there by the MP's because of lack of proper identification credentials. According to Fatso's information (usually reliable), Arthur Pier had been anxious to have this couple removed to Italy through underground channels as speedily as possible.

2. On checking, I learned that Lapsin had been turned over to the 430th CIC Detachment, Salzburg. A subsequent interrogation of Lapsin by [] revealed that Lapsin had met Arthur Pier in Camp Wegscheif around 30 January 1947. His identity and his alias (Lichtmann) was known to Pier who at that time assigned him the name of Alexander Rutenburg and promised to send him and his wife immediately to Italy.

3. If you will recall, on 31 January 1947, Pier had promised our CIC cut-out to call all Jewish refugees of eventual CIC interest to CIC attention. Although Lapsin did not prove to have any information of interest for this office, his presence here, nevertheless, should have been announced by Pier.

4. Inasmuch as Pier called on CIC only once during the entire month of February, and, at that, only on an insignificant matter, I regard it as significant to call to your attention his conspicuous lack of assistance during the month when hundreds of Jewish refugees entered the zone.

5. Word has been sent to Pier that as soon as he comes to Salzburg he must call immediately on Harris Greene, Assistant Chief, 430th CIC.

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